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# INFORMATION REPORT

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SUBJECT    USIA Imports Iron and Steel from Eastern  
             Germany to Complete Soviet Order for  
             Steel Sheds

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25X1 2c USIA's Construction and Building Materials Administration through "Vertrieb von Baumaterialien", Vienna IV, Argentinierstrasse 26, has signed a contract with Austro-Implex Warenhandels G.m.b.H., a Linz firm which allegedly specializes in illegal imports to Austria from Eastern Germany, for the purchase of 804.3 tons of iron and steel required to complete a Soviet order of corrugated steel sheds. According to MITTERBAUER who signed this contract on behalf of Austro-Implex, this steel is shipped from Western Germany to Dresden ostensibly for use in reconstruction of this German city. MITTERBAUER alleges the Soviets then divert the steel from Dresden to various points in Eastern Germany, Czechoslovakia and Austria where it is allocated primarily for military purposes.

2. USIA has established a 1,850,000 schilling accreditive for Austro-Impex at the Soviet Military Bank. A total of 175,000 schillings have been withdrawn from this account to pay for the first shipment of 73.9 tons of angle and "T" iron shipped from a German steel mill identified as Maximilians-Huette, to Nissae-Werke, Vienna XIV, Lingerstrasse 221, and Hans Bruggen, Vienna XXI, Jedlerseerstrasse 60-64, two USIA firms which are now working on USIA's Soviet order for steel sheds.

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3. An additional four railroad cars loaded with 63 to 64 tons of "L" and "U" iron have arrived in Vienna from Dresden via Czechoslovakia and have been delivered to a warehouse owned by Niessen-Werke in Vienna XXV. Payment for this shipment has also been made from USIA's accreditive at the Soviet Military Bank.

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